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**FOR FURTHER ACTION**

See paragraph 2 below

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International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☒ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

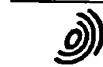
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**Box No. I Basis of the opinion**

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- 1: With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
- a. type of material:
- ☐ a sequence listing
- ☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
- b. format of material:
- ☐ in written format
- ☐ in computer readable form
- c. time of filing/furnishing:
- ☐ contained in the international application as filed.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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**Box No. II    Priority**

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1. ☒ The following document has not been furnished:

- ☒ copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43*bis*.1 and 66.7(a)).
- ☐ translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43*bis*.1 and 66.7(b)).

Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date is the claimed priority date.

2. ☐ This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43*bis*.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.

3. Additional observations, if necessary:

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**Box No. V    Reasoned statement under Rule 43*bis*.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	3-5,7
	No: Claims	1,2,6
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-7
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-7
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

**see separate sheet**

**Re Item V.**

- 1 The following documents are referred to in this communication:

D1 : US 5 125 492 A (TRELEAVEN DAVID H ET AL) 30 June 1992 (1992-06-30)

D2: EP-A-1 031 480 (INOVA DESIGNS LIMITED) 30 August 2000 (2000-08-30)

D3: US-A-4 279 012 (BECKEDORFF DAVID L ET AL) 14 July 1981 (1981-07-14)

D4: US-A-4 588 901 (HEWETT WILLIAM A ET AL) 13 May 1986 (1986-05-13)

2 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 1 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

Document D1 discloses (the references in parenthesis applying to this document):

Device to control and limit the use of an electrical apparatus, including:  
a box (10), closed by mechanical or electronic key (42,52), equipped with a hole for the wire (12) of the plug of the apparatus to control, inside which there is a socket (16) where said plug fits, connected to a programmed electronic circuit that controls a timer directing  
the connection with the electric supply and the activation of a sound or visual signal, before said connection is interrupted causing the electrical apparatus connected to the device stop.

3 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-7

Dependent claims 2-7 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty or inventive step (Article 33(2) and (3) PCT).

- Claims 2,6: Also disclosed in document D1.
- Claims 3,4: These features are disclosed in document D2 (column 6, lines 6-14)
- Claim 5: These features are disclosed in document D3 (column 21, lines 1-3)
- Claim 7: These features are disclosed in document D4 (column 2, lines 50-51)

**4 INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY**

Claims 1-7 relate to subject-matter regarding electrical connections, consequently the industrial applicability of the subject-matter of these claims, as required by Article 34(4)(a)(I) PCT, is fulfilled.